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MARCH 20, 1973
 MEMORANDUM FOR MR. KISSINGER
 FROM: THE SITUATION ROOM
 SUBJECT: MORNING NEWS SUMMARY
 THE WASHINGTON POST

STAFF WRITER MILTON BENJAMIN WRITES THAT YESTERDAY THE U.S. DOLLAR MADE SLIGHT GAINS ON MOST INTERNATIONAL MONEY MARKETS AS NORMAL TRADING RESUMED FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 17 DAYS. THE KEY ELEMENT IN YESTERDAY'S TRADING WAS THE RETURN OF CENTRAL BANKS TO THE FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKETS. IN TOKYO, THE YEN OPENED AT 263 TO THE DOLLAR, UP ABOUT 2.5 PERCENT IN VALUE FROM THE LAST NORMAL TRADING DAY. THE DOLLAR ALSO GAINED SLIGHTLY IN EUROPE AGAINST THE SWISS, BELGIAN, AND FRENCH FRANCS, THE BRITISH POUND, AND THE WEST GERMAN MARK. SECRETARY SHULTZ MET WITH PRIME MINISTER HEATH AND OTHER MONETARY OFFICIALS. (A-1)

ROBERT CLARK REPORTS FROM MIAMI THAT THE CUBAN EXILE GROUP, THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR LIBERATION, SAID THEY WERE HIDING TWO CUBAN FISHERMEN UNTIL THE U.S. AGREES NOT TO RETURN THEM TO CUBA. THE TWO HAD TRIED TO HIJACK THEIR BOAT TO MEXICO, BUT SURRENDERED WHEN THE BOAT BECAME DISABLED OFF FORT MYERS, FLORIDA. WHEN THE TWO SOUGHT ASYLUM IN THE U.S., THEY WERE REPORTEDLY DISCOURAGED AND RETURNED TO THEIR SHIP. THEY JUMPED FROM THEIR SHIP SUNDAY NIGHT AS IT WAS BEING ESCORTED TO SEA FROM KEY WEST HARBOR BY THE COAST GUARD, AND THEY SWAM ASHORE. STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN BRAY SAID THE TWO HAD "EXPRESSED SOME INTEREST IN REMAINING IN THE U.S....." HE CONTINUED: "I BELIEVE IT WAS MADE CLEAR TO THEM THAT THE U.S. DID NOT WANT TO BECOME A HAVEN FOR HIJACKERS." (A-1)
 UPI REPORTS FROM SAIGON THAT A VIET CONG PRESS OFFICER SAID

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TODAY THAT ALL REMAINING U.S. POWS WILL BE RELEASED BY SUNDAY. THERE WAS NO IMMEDIATE WORD ON THE REMAINING AMERICANS HELD BY THE NORTH VIETNAMESE. (A-12)
 CHARLES YOST, WRITING ON THE SECOND ROUND OF SALT II, SAYS IT IS DISTURBING THAT THE U.S. IS SENDING A NEW TEAM OF NEGOTIATORS TO GENEVA AT THIS DIFFICULT JUNCTURE. AMBASSADOR JOHNSON IS A MAN OF GREAT ABILITY AND EXPERIENCE, BUT NOT IN THIS PARTICULAR

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FIELD, THE BASIC CHOICES WILL BE MADE BY YOU, YOST ASKS THAT WE PRAY THOSE CHOICES REFLECT WHAT OUR PRIMARY SECURITY INTERESTS REALLY ARE IN THE 1970S. (A-19)

MAXINE CHESHIRE SAYS THAT AMBASSADOR BRUCE HAS BECOME ONE OF YOUR CLOSEST PERSONAL FRIENDS AND MRS. BRUCE HAS BEEN EQUALLY SYMPATHIC WITH NANCY MAGINNES, YOUR STEADIEST DATE, (B-3)

THE NEW YORK TIMES

ACCORDING TO THE ASSOCIATED PRESS, THE U.S., NORTH AND SOUTH VIETNAM, AND THE VIET CONG WERE REPORTED NEAR AGREEMENT YESTERDAY ON AMERICANS AND AMERICAN DEAD UNACCOUNTED FOR IN VIETNAM. THE PROBLEMS HOLDING UP FINAL AGREEMENT INCLUDE SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS AND LIAISON BETWEEN LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND THE SEARCHERS. A TASK FORCE BASED AT THE NAKHON PHANOM AIR BASE IN THAILAND IS TO TAKE UP THE SEARCH IN CAMBODIA AND LAOS. AT THE SAME MEETING, THE U.S. ASKED FOR THE LIST OF THE LAST GROUP OF AMERICAN POWS TO BE RELEASED AND THE DATE THAT THEY WOULD BE FREED. THE COMMUNISTS DID NOT RESPOND. (A-3)

LAOTIAN PREMIER PRINCE SOUVANNA PHOUMA SENT A THIRD CABLEGRAM TO PRINCE SOUPHANDUVONG APPEALING FOR AN URGENT SETTLEMENT OF REMAINING PROBLEMS. NOTHING OF SIGNIFICANCE IS EXPECTED TO BE ACCOMPLISHED UNTIL MR. PHOUMI RETURNS TO VIENTIANE FROM SAM NEUA. THERE ARE REPORTEDLY VARIOUS POSSIBLE REASONS FOR HIS LONG ABSENCE. ONE IS THAT THERE IS AN IMPORTANT MEETING OF THE PATHET LAO CENTRAL COMMITTEE GOING ON. BUT, ANOTHER POSSIBLE REASON IS THAT THE NORTH VIETNAMESE MAY WANT TO INDUCE THE PATHET LAO TO STALL AGREEMENTS AS LONG AS POSSIBLE, SINCE ONCE A GOVERNMENT IS FORMED THE 60-DAY PERIOD BEGINS IN WHICH THE NORTH VIETNAMESE MUST LEAVE THE COUNTRY. (A-7)

SECURITY MEASURES HAVE REPORTEDLY BEEN FURTHER TIGHTENED IN CONJUNCTION WITH YOUR VACATION IN ACAPULCO AS A RESULT OF A HOTEL ROBBERY A FEW MILES AWAY FROM YOUR RESIDENCE. YOU WERE INSIDE YOUR RENTED VACATION HOME WHEN THE HOLDUP TOOK PLACE. (A-41)

THE BALTIMORE SUN

YOUR PICTURE APPEARS IN TODAY'S SUN, WHILE YOU WERE SHAKING HANDS WITH SOME WOMEN TOURISTS. THE CAPTION READS, "KISSINGER ON HOLIDAY." IT IS REPORTED THAT YOU REFUSED TO ANSWER QUESTIONS FROM PURSUING REPORTERS AND SATURDAY YOU WENT BOATING ON A YACHT. (A-2)

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JAMES KEAT INDICATES THAT OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON WHO DECLINED
TO BE IDENTIFIED SAID THE FLOW OF NEW NORTH VIETNAMESE ARMS AND
REINFORCEMENTS INTO SOUTH VIETNAM APPEARS TO BE TAPERING OFF.
OTHER SOURCES SAID THAT SOME MEN AND SUPPLIES ARE CONTINUING
TO SLIP ACROSS THE FRONTIER FROM THE HO CHI MINH TRAIL THROUGH
LAOS. (A-2)

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